

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An elongate joining member made entirely from a resiliently flexible material, said joining member configured for bridging a gap between a first and at least a second panel, each panel having a first surface and an opposed second surface, the joining member comprising a flange member, an extension member extending from said flange member and at least one resilient retaining member connected to said extension member, and having a first biased configuration relative to said extension member, said at least one resilient retaining member being moveable between said first biased configuration and a second different configuration, and wherein in said second configuration, said at least one resilient retaining member is insertable into said gap between the first and at least second panels, and further wherein when the at least one resilient retaining member is moved beyond said gap, it resiliently returns at least towards said first biased configuration relative to the extension member such that it engages at least a portion of the second surface of each panel and wherein said flange member is engageable with at least a portion of the first surface of each panel such that said flange member substantially bridges the gap between the first and at least second panels, and wherein said flange member is moveable from a substantially domed configuration to a substantially flat configuration.

2. (Previously Presented) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the flange member comprises a main body defined on one side by a first surface for engaging said at least a portion of the first surface of both the first and second panels and a second opposing side that presents the outward appearance of the joining member.

3. (Canceled)

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4. (Currently Amended) The joining member of claim 1 ~~[[3]] wherein, the flange member is movable between a substantially domed configuration to a substantially flat configuration and wherein,~~ in the second substantially flat configuration, the first surface of the flange member is substantially flush with the two panels.

5. (Previously Presented) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the extension member is relatively straight and extends from a proximal end adjacent the flange member to a distal end.

6. (Previously Presented) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the at least one resilient retaining member comprises opposing first and second leg members each connected to and disposed at an angle relative to the extension member.

7. (Previously Presented) The joining member of claim 6 wherein in said first preferential configuration, the first and second leg members extend from a first end that is connected to the extension member to a second end that is spaced from the extension member.

8. (Original) The joining member of claim 7 wherein the second end of the first leg member is engageable with the second surface of the first panel and the second end of the second leg member is engageable with the second surface of the second panel.

9. (Original) The joining member of claim 8 wherein the second end of the first and second leg members include a grooved or serrated face to engage the second surfaces of the panels.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the resilient retaining member includes a single leg member connected to the extension member.

12 - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) An elongate joining member for bridging a gap between a first and at least a second panel, each panel having a first surface and an opposed second surface, the joining member comprising a flange member and at least two resilient extension members which each extend from a first end connected to said flange member to a second free end, each resilient extension member further comprising at least one resilient retaining member positioned at or adjacent to the second end and wherein each resilient extension member is moveable relative to the other between a first biased configuration and a second different insertion configuration and wherein, in use, when in their second configuration, said at least two resilient extension members are insertable into said gap between the first and at least second panels, and wherein when at least said resilient retaining members of said resilient extension members are moved beyond the gap, they resiliently return at least towards said first biased configuration of the extension member such that they engage at least a portion of the second surface of a panel and wherein said flange member is engageable with at least a portion of the first surface of each panel such that said flange member substantially bridges the gap between the first and at least second panels, and wherein said flange member is moveable from a substantially domed configuration to a substantially flat configuration.

15 - 17. (Canceled)

18. (New) A joining member configured to bridge a gap between a first panel and a second panel, each panel having a first surface and an opposing second surface, the joining member comprising:

- a flange including a first outer surface and an opposing second surface, the flange having a first configuration in which the first outer surface has a domed shape and a second configuration in which the first outer surface is substantially flat;

- an extension member connected to the second surface of the flange at a proximal end and including an opposing distal end; and

- a retaining member connected to and extending from the distal end of the extension member, the retaining member including a first leg member having a first end and an opposing second end, wherein the first end of the first leg member is connected

to the distal end of the extension member, the retaining member having an expanded configuration and a collapsed configuration, wherein when the retaining member is in the collapsed configuration the second end of the first leg is closer to the extension member than when the retaining member is in the expanded configuration.

19. (New) A joining member comprising:

a flange including a first surface;

an extension member having a proximal end attached to the flange and a distal end; and

a resilient retaining member attached to the distal end of the extension member and extending generally back toward the flange so as to form an angle with the retaining member;

wherein the joining member includes a first position and a second position when in use;

wherein when the joining member is in the first position, the first surface of the flange has a domed shape and the retaining member is in a collapsed configuration such that the angle is a first angle; and

wherein when the joining member is in the second position, the first surface of the flange is substantially straight and retaining member is in an expanded configuration such that the angle is a second angle that is larger than the first angle.